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COVER PICTURE

This nice, large church, located at 537
Centre Street, Dallas, Texas, has eight Sun-
day School rooms, a pastor's study, and a
baptistry. The Church of God there also
owns a beautifully furnished parsonage and
five apartments behind the church. The pas-
tor is Rev. George King.

It was my privilege to pastor the Dallas
church one year (1945-'46), and I really
learned to love the good people there. The
dear Lord was so good to us and them,
gave us an increase in Sunday School and
church membership and a blessed year on
the district. We shall never forget our year
in Dallas.—Editor.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

SIMS

On June 26, Brother John F. Sims
departed from this life to be with
Jesus. He was a wonderful man of
God and had been a member of the
Church of God seventeen years. We
miss Brother Sims very much. He is
survived by a wife, two daughters,
three sons, and two brothers. Our loss
is heaven's gain.—Mrs. Hubert Kitch-
ens, Childress, Texas.

HILL

On April 11, 1948, the death angel
visited the home of Mrs. Gillis Hill and
claimed her husband. He died sudden-
ly. His body was laid to rest near his
mother at Sandy Plain Cemetery to
await that resurrection morning. The
funeral was conducted by Brother
Jack Hodges, assisted by Brother
Murphy, of Mullins, S. C. He is survived
by his wife and eight children, father,
four sisters, and a host of friends. To
know Coy was to love him.—Mrs. J. A.
Hill, Lugoff, S. C.

COX

Bettie Lee Sheppard Cox, a beloved
member of the Meridian Street Church
of God, Nashville, Tenn., died suddenly
on July 8, 1948, at the home of a
daughter in Lebanon, Tenn.

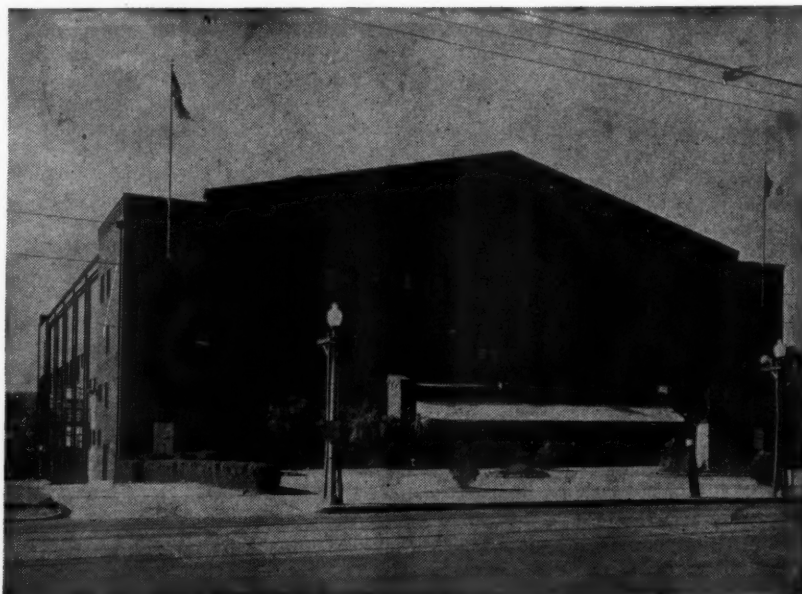
Sister Cox was a good Christian, al-
ways faithful in church attendance
and a willing worker in raising funds
for the church. She is survived by
four daughters, two stepdaughters,
and two stepsons. She was a good wife
and mother. We look forward to meet-
ing her in that heavenly home.—Her
Brothers and Sisters in the Meridian
Street Church of God.

Do You Plan to Attend the 1948 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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PROTESTANT CHURCH POPULAR IN KOREA, SEOUL

A Protestant church here has grown so much in recent months that the building is filled and part of the congregation is forced to sit outside for services. The church was started a year ago with fifty members. Now there are over 1,000.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," St. John 4:35.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," Matt. 9:38.

STEADY NERVES FROM SMOKING?

Smoking even half a cigarette will make your fingers tremble—if you inhale. This was shown by experiments on 100 college students at Athens, Ga., of whom 50 were smokers and 50 non-smokers. The smokers show more finger tremor as a result of the smoking than do non-smokers, Dr. A. S. Edwards, of the University of Georgia, reports in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*. This, he believes, is because the habitual smoker generally inhales. For non-smokers, finger trembling went up 18 per cent; for smokers, 39 per cent. Results with "denicotinized" cigarettes were practically identical. But when cornsilk was used, no increase in tremor resulted. Dr. Edwards also tested out the claim that refraining from smoking makes a person shaky. After two hours without cigarettes, finger tremor had not increased.—*Science News Letter*.

VIEWS OF EMINENT AUTHORITIES ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND CIGARETTES

"Boys use tobacco because they are physically and mentally weak and morally unsound; or they become physically, mentally, and morally impaired because they use tobacco; or each factor may be partially cause and partially effect. In any event, the results of this study would seem to indicate that a close connection exists between low mentality, physical weakness, moral delinquency, and cigarette smoking. If this be true, the cigarette should be regarded as a badge of the physical weakling, the mentally incompetent and the morally unsound."—Superintendent H. D. Hervey, of Malden, Massachusetts.

"I did not suppose there could longer be any doubt in the minds of men who are informed, or who follow at all closely the growing youth, of the influence of the cigarette habit upon the boy from ten to seventeen years of age. We find it one of the most baneful influences which we have to combat in this court."—Judge Hulbert of the Detroit Juvenile Court.

"Cigarettes are the cause of the downfall of more boys in this institution than all other vicious habits combined."—Dr. Hutchinson of the Kansas State Reformatory.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, M.D., LL.D., F.A.C.S., said, "Athletes, when in training, are never allowed to smoke. Every trainer is familiar with the deadly effects of tobacco. Why shouldn't the businessman, the professional man, the statesman, as well as the sportsman, show equal interest to protect his body from the evil effects of a drug which is the deadly foe of efficiency, both mental and physical?"

LIQUOR

Two policemen, while on duty in Los Angeles County, picked up two married women at three o'clock in the morning and went on a spree. The survivor says he doesn't know whether he took six drinks or six hundred. They shot off their guns, beamed their red lights at motorists, and finally engaged in a fight. One shot the other and killed him. The tragic part of this picture is that eleven children were involved in this episode. Each woman was the mother of two. One policeman was the father of four, the other of three. And yet they tell us, "If you'll let liquor alone, it will let you alone." These eleven children were letting the stuff alone.

MORE LIQUOR

Two groups of graduates of two Southern California high schools went out to celebrate. They took in the night spots, had "a few drinks" and wound up about dawn, one car against a tree and the other against a telephone pole. There were six in one car. Two made the hospital and four the morgue. There were eight in the other car. All went to the hospital, two not expected to live. A half empty whiskey bottle was found in the first mentioned car. There is an old saying from an old book, "The wages of sin is death." That law has not been revoked. That same book has these words within it, "At the last, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Too bad about the parents at home, asleep in bed.—*The Methodist Challenge*.

LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM MARYLAND CAMP MEETING

The Rev. O. C. Crank, overseer, called (7-29-48) and stated they are having the greatest camp meeting in history. They have the largest crowds in attendance, the best preaching, with the enthusiasm running high. God is blessing.

LATE NEWS

Conversions at Bolton include a Spiritist medium, Trade Union leader, opera singer, and man recently released from prison. Conversions to date number over 850. Woman waiting to be operated on for severe rupture pronounced completely cured after prayer.—*The Elm Evangel*.

THINK IT OVER

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord;
Real service is what I desire.

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
But don't ask me to sing in the choir.

I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I like to see things come to pass.
But don't ask me to teach boys and girls, dear Lord,
I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord;
I yearn for the kingdom to thrive.
I'll give you my silver and pence, dear Lord—
But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord;
I'll say what you want me to say.
But I'm too busy just now myself, dear Lord—
I'll help You some other day. —*The Visitor*.

How Can We Have Moral Education Without God?

Only a step from secularism that bans the Bible to Atheism that attacks it

By **ROBERT C. McQUILKIN, D.D.**
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Columbia, S. C.

The National Education Association Journal has in its April issue an analysis of the Supreme Court decision, written by Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the N.A.E., and headed by this striking paragraph, in bold type: "In our opinion, this decision of the Supreme Court in no way voids the responsibility of the public schools to inculcate those moral and ethical principles which are the essence of the good life. One of the important objectives of public education has been, and always will be, to inspire in youth a deep appreciation for the basic spiritual and religious values which give meaning to existence, provide the foundation of good character, and are guides to a higher order of human conduct."

So the public schools are to inculcate moral and ethical principles which are the essence of good life. Where are we to find these? Do they come from God? Are they from the Bible? Are they separate from "religion"? Evidently Dr. Givens does not think so. He writes that "one of the important objectives of public education will be to inspire in youth a deep appreciation for the basic spiritual and religious values which give meaning to existence, provide the foundation of good character, and are guides to a high order of human conduct."

All educators agree that character and good citizenship are the chief ends of education. Will it be character without Christ? Shall we rule out God and the Bible? What are the educational leaders of America putting in its place? The answer is plain. They are putting *secularism* in its place. They are putting *atheism* in its place. Doubtlessly, Dr. Givens would never agree with this, but teachers reading the *N.E.A. Journal*, and all its pronouncements of educational leaders in the schools where there is no Bible, certainly never get the idea that "basic spiritual and religious values" have anything to do with God. The

This is the fourth and concluding article in Dr. McQuilkin's series on "The Supreme Court and the Atheist," a discussion of the Court's decision in the Champaign (Ill.) case. In connection with this last article, Dr. McQuilkin writes: "It seems to me crystal clear that whatever our differing views may be, the statements in this Supreme Court decision, if taken at their face value, must mean that chaplains in the Army and in Congress are absolutely illegal. . . . What seems to me their weak and foolish argument, that the use of public school buildings would help certain sects in building up their faiths, should certainly suggest that the Government is helping Protestants, Catholics, and Jews to build up their faith and spending millions of dollars to do it. Of course, sensible Americans will recognize that the motive there is not to build up some particular faith, but to serve the men in the Army and Navy. By the same token anyone would know that it was not primarily a question of strengthening Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faith, but of taking care of these children."

prevailing philosophy of education in our universities, which is seeping down into our public school system, is a *secular, atheistic philosophy*. The result of it is very certain. Christians may argue over the Supreme Court decision. But meanwhile, by their fruits we shall know whether our educational system is pleasing to God. Has the increase in juvenile delinquency and lawlessness in America any connection with our public school system? When we know what education is, we shall surely say it has a direct connection.

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, who does not take the Dewey position of secularism, declared that the only hope for a confused and tottering world is education. He states that we are not sure whether education will save us, but "it is the only hope we have." The vital question is, What kind of education? Is it godless education or a Bible-based education?

Where the Bible Is Excluded

Dr. Fleming points out that statistics in the Department of Commerce reveal that while crime increased 66.3 per cent over the nation from 1910 to 1938, it increased notably less in four states that had Bible in their schools—from 16 per cent to 30 per cent. The growth of crime in four states that excluded the Bible from the public schools ran from 154 per cent to 237 per cent. The results today would probably be even more striking. In one city after another it is said that the whole discipline problem of the schools has changed when the Bible was introduced. Yet at one fell stroke, the Supreme Court decision and many misguided Christian leaders would put

an end to this movement to get the Bible into the public schools.

H. V. Kaltenborn, the noted commentator, recently said that this war now going on in America and the world is a war between Christ and antichrist. This is true. In America we are now recognizing communism as antichrist and anti-God and anti-American. Therefore, we will not allow our American doctrine of freedom of speech to permit communism to tear down the foundations of America.

This is just what we are doing in our educational system. The anti-God religion of communism is becoming the official religion of our great educational system. Secularism means atheism.

It is not an accident that this question was brought to the Supreme Court by an atheist mother, backed by her atheist husband, and by the society of Freethinkers; nor is it an accident that the man who has had more influence on America's educational system than any other single man, John Dewey of Columbia, is a secularist who wants a moral system without God.

I realize that there are Christian leaders who will agree fully with this analysis of the fundamental principles underlying the doctrine of the separation of the church and the state, but will also believe that the Supreme Court was right in ruling out this plan of released time used in Champaign, Ill. The real reason of the problem in our educational system is to put the Bible in all of the schools, and have the reading of the Bible and also the teaching of the Bible in an absolutely nonsectarian way. This, however, would not be practicable in many communi-

ties. Therefore, various communities, according to their local problems, work out some plan which will not contradict the fundamental American principles, and yet will achieve the result of getting the Bible to the children. If the Supreme Court had ruled that this plan of released time was unconstitutional because it emphasized the differences between Protestants and Catholics and Jews, instead of emphasizing the common truth of Christianity, their decision would not have been fraught with such danger.

Mr. Justice Reed, in his dissenting opinion, said that aid to religious sects, which the other eight justices saw in the Champaign released time plan, was only a "by-product of organized society," and was not to be condemned any more than the long-established practices connecting religion with government. Justice Reed follows the same inaccurate use of the word "sect" in calling the Protestants, Catholics, and Jews "religious sects." However, he has reference to the fact that the United States Government employs chaplains in the armed forces and in Congress and in penitentiaries and prisons and in government hospitals. The Government sets up standards for those chaplains which the churches have to meet. The Government builds the places of worship and recognizes that the instructors and the consolations of God, called usually "religion," are an essential part of the effective service of the Army and Navy. The same principle applies to government hospitals.

The Logical End

The logical end of this Supreme Court decision would be to discharge all the chaplains from the armed forces and from the hospitals and from the penitentiaries. Many states have laws requiring prisoners to go to religious services. Consider the situation that America is placing herself in when she believes it vital to have the foundation teachings of morals and religion presented in the Army and Navy, in the hospitals and penitentiaries, and then rule out those same foundation principles in the place where they are more needed, and more effective than in any other place, namely, in the education of our children. The Supreme Court has ruled them out of the Champaign district in Illinois on the very ground that would rule out all that the Government is doing in connection with religion.

The fact is that when a religious council in any community gets together and has an agreement between the Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, it means that the people of that community have agreed that religious liberty is not infringed by the arrangements that they have. The Supreme Court ought not to interfere in these local and state decisions.

We must frankly face the fact that in this problem concerning government and religion there are two deadly enemies in America. One is Roman Catholicism. With all the political power of this gigantic world-wide organization, with all the social and religious influence built upon the tolerance and blindness of the American Protestants, the Roman Catholic Church is seeking to invade the public schools and to break down the true principles of the separation of church and state. Many are hailing the Supreme Court decision as a safeguard against this movement of Catholicism to control America.

Another Deadly Enemy

The other deadly enemy is Modernism, parading as Protestant Christianity. Many Christian leaders face the question as to what it will mean if the Modernists control the teaching of the Bible in the public schools. What they are already doing in state universities—tearing down the faith of students who come with a belief in the Bible—they would be doing with the younger children in the public schools. Many aware of this real menace, consider the Supreme Court decision a safeguard against the inroads of Modernism.

But recognizing these grave dangers, we must ask whether the solution is to substitute secularism and atheism, or nonreligion, for Christianity. In summing up our study of this decision let us return to the central fallacy in this pronouncement of the highest court of our land. They are interpreting the wall of separation between church and state to be a wall of separation between God and state. Professing friendship for religion they state again and again that government should be utterly and completely separate from religion. The Court's decision stated: "Separation means separation, not something less. Jefferson's metaphor in describing the relation between the church and state speaks of a 'wall of separation,' not of a fine line easily overstepped." Then they conclude by quoting from their other unconstitu-

tional decision in favor of contributing bus fare for parochial schools: "We renew our conviction that we have staked the very existence of our country on the faith that complete separation between the state and religion is best for the state and best for religion." Jefferson did not say separation between the "state and religion"; he said "state and church," which is a very different thing. Jefferson himself put religion into the University of Virginia.

Mr. Justice Jackson, while concurring in the main opinion, delivered a devastating indictment of the Supreme Court decision. It seems strange that he did not dissent from it. He wrote: "The plaintiff, as she has every right to be, is an avowed atheist. What she has asked of the court is that they not only end the 'released time' plan, but also ban every form of teaching which suggests or recognizes that there is a God. She would ban all teaching of the Scriptures. She especially mentions as an example of invasion of her rights, 'having pupils learn and recite such statements as, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.' " And she objects to teaching that the King James Version of the Bible 'is called the Christian's Guide Book, the Holy Writ, and the Word of God.' and many other similar matters. This Court is directing the Illinois courts generally to sustain the plaintiff's complaint without exception of any of these grounds of complaint, without discriminating between them and without laying down any standards to define the limits of the effect of our decision."

He goes on to speak of the danger of such a declaration, and of interfering with local communities in their decisions upon it. He sees that the Supreme Court may be in danger of accepting "the role of a super board of education for every school district in the nation."

Justice Reid, in his dissenting opinion, argues logically that nothing in this Champaign arrangement can be proved to be contrary to the Constitution.

As we close our study, let us reiterate for the benefit of Christian leaders who favor this Supreme Court decision, that these justices are involved in glaring contradictions and fallacies by their deliberate and constant equating of "sectarian teaching" with everything connected with religion or Christianity. We have sought to poin-

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POWER

By Evangelist Clemon Allen



Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The word "power" means energy, strength, or a force tending to produce a motion, as a vehicle with a propelling motor. When Christ said that we would receive power through the Holy Ghost, He meant we would receive a spiritual force that would tend to produce an energetic feeling. A church that doesn't have this energetic power of the Holy Ghost is being pushed by man-made, man-organized efforts. We need to drive up to God's service station and tell God to fill her up with the Holy Ghost power.

Paul said, concerning his preaching, "My preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and power." Again he says, "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ," Rom. 15:19. One cannot fully preach until he has the endowment of the Holy Ghost. Eph. 3:7 says, "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power." Here Paul states that man's work is not effectual without the work of God's power. He tells us that his gospel came not in word only, but in power. I am afraid that much preaching is done in word-only style.

THE UP-TO-DATE MINISTRY

2 Tim. 3:5, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." There are preachers with gigantic minds, the cream of the intellectual world, men who have spared no pain in trying to acquire the profoundest learning. Yes, they can even sway multitudes by

their magical oratory of speech, but are going without the power of the Holy Ghost.

The minister who has God's power with him will, while he is preaching, be interrupted by cries for mercy, and souls will be pricked by the arrow of conviction, quake and fall under the power of God. Yes, God empowers us for service.

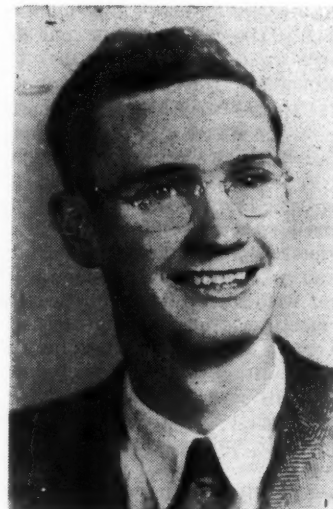
Acts. 6:5-10 states that the people could not resist the spirit by which Stephen spoke. The Holy Ghost was dominating their natural faculties. A supernatural strength and wisdom was given them. The reason for this was that they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Let's not be afraid to accept the command of Christ when He said, "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke 24:49. This is scriptural orders to Christians for service.

WHY MOST CHURCHES HAVE LOST THEIR POWER

Judges 16:4-20 tells us of the shearing of Samson's hair. With this he was shorn of his power. Now, there was no power in Samson's hair, but in that for which his hair stood. He was a Nazarite unto God.

Many have lost that humble, sacri-

ficed life. Christ said, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Christians, we can have a charge of the dancing flashes of the power of God if we will live according to that for which God's Word stands. For us to keep those vows would create within us more power, making our religion a greater pleasure.



Rev. Clemon Allen

A Permanent Fact

By Evangelist Clemon Allen

Acts 2:17, 18, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh... I will pour out in those days of my Spirit." Surely we can see by the Biblical signs that we are living in the last days. From this prophecy of Peter down to now, we can see no reason why it is not a permanent fact of this day.

After Jesus went back to heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent back to take His place, this time in another way of demonstration. You will notice that John was filled with the Holy Ghost. Christ, also, was filled with the Holy Ghost, but not like that on the day when the one hundred and twenty were endowed with a heavenly language. Onlookers were dumbfounded as they heard the Holy Ghost speak for Himself. He who claims to have the Holy Ghost and yet He has never spoken through him should read God's Word on this subject. I have come to the conclusion that if we

do not let the Holy Ghost speak through us, we just don't have Him. A new and staggering thing to the Jew was that all flesh, sons and daughters, servants and handmaidens, might receive the Holy Ghost in the heavenly language way. There is no other Biblical way to receive the Holy Ghost.

THE TEACHING OF CHRIST CONCERNING THE HOLY GHOST

The Lord tells us that we can receive the Holy Ghost through prayer. Luke 11:13, "... how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" At the close of the Lord's ministry, He promised that He would pray to the Father and in answer to prayer the Holy Ghost would come to abide. John 14:16, 17.

On the evening of Christ's resurrection He came to His disciples and breathed on them, saying, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," John 20:22. The

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Jesus Preaches and Heals in Galilee!

Alberta Schwartz, Baltimore, Md.

TEXT: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," Matt. 9:38.

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," Matt. 9:35-38.

It was not such a difficult request that Jesus made to the disciples. He taught them how to pray. Now He tells them to pray. He had looked upon the multitudes. Anxiety shown upon His face, and His heart was deeply moved with compassion. Among the great assemblage there were those that fainted. He saw them as sheep dispersing with no guiding shepherd. As He pondered, looking with love, anxiety, and tenderness upon His people, He made a request of the disciples to pray. The need was great.

Let us suppose He talked somewhat in this manner to His own, "Dear ones, I have called you together for one cause. You can see, as we go through these towns, cities, and villages, the terrible need of the people. I led you in to their synagogues. As I preach to them you are learning, also. You have watched me heal. Could you count the number? No, you lost count after a few hundred were made whole. But the real reason I have called you few from the multitudes is that I want to transmit to you what I deeply feel in my heart for the world. Because you are called by me and in my constant presence you will acquire the same power I possess. You too will heal. You will preach the gospel of the kingdom. You are few among so many, but you shall shine as a city on a high hill. My few chosen shall be the salt of the earth. If you pray faithfully, I shall have laborers always in my harvest. My Father

will surely answer your prayer."

Let us observe if the disciples obeyed and prayed that prayer, and were they rewarded by the Lord of harvest? We know the disciples went forth as laborers of the gospel, and they surely must have prayed earnestly, for God worked mightily in their midst. On the day of Pentecost, when Peter preached a famous sermon, three thousand laborers were added to the group, or the Church of God, filled with power from the risen Christ, who worked miracles among them. The Holy Spirit was given them inasmuch as great wonders were performed. The laborers were busy with the great harvest. This important prayer to send laborers was certainly prayed effectually by the disciples, for all through the ages the compassion for the multitudes remains in the chosen few. What person today is ever saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and has no desire to work for God? Any true blood-bought child of God has great zeal to work in His vineyard. Sometimes they have more zeal than wisdom, nevertheless the Godly desire is there, and God's church moves forward among the multitudes of the world.

We see the Church of God as laborers together in God's vineyard. The harvest, or the vineyard, is the entire world. The members of the church are the toilers, travelers, or laborers for the kingdom of the gospel; all as an army stationed at specific positions; all working for one end—to build the kingdom of God on earth, to conquer the foe of God and man, the devil, Satan, whose work is to sow seeds of tares in God's vineyard. And what a powerful ally we have on our side—the Holy Ghost, endowing us with power to labor in all kinds of opposition gladly, counting it a privilege, untiring, with all our spiritual and natural facilities given over to God.

That prayer goes forth as a flaming sword, onward through all ages—from the time of Christ, the early church, the great reformation of Martin Luther, the Methodist revival, even to this day. We, the church of the living God, are laborers who have heard the call even as the disciples of old. We see the terrible hungry need of the world. We have witnessed Christ heal by faith. That great com-

passion of Christ has been transmitted and we, too, see the multitudes as scattered sheep without a shepherd. We, as a church, have the same compassion Jesus felt as He looked over Jerusalem and wept, saying, "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee around, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children with thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

What was needful of Jerusalem then is needful of the world in general today. Jerusalem, we know, is literally compassed and besieged by destroying warfare today; but so will it be for all nations and cities. This woe is pronounced to God-rejecting nations and Christ-rejecting individuals. If God sent His own Son to the harvest and they killed Him and did away with Him and said, "away with Him, we will have none of Him," what do they or the world in general think of us as harvesters? We are misunderstood, sometimes despised. We are cast with suspicion; nevertheless, we labor and with one laboring our fruits begin to blossom—such fruits as love for all mankind, hope for the hopeless, faith to the unbeliever, gentleness, kindness, endurance, and patience, for we will surely reap if we faint not, and in reaping we shall rejoice.

Jesus healed and preached in Galilee. He asked His disciples to pray. The need expanded before Him into all generations to come. His plea is, "I want workers who will work; workers who will put forth every effort to promote and exercise God's kingdom; workers who are not ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God; and workers willing to distribute the Bread of Life to hungry, needy multitudes." Yes, the great prayer of the disciples lives on. "O Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers into thy harvest, for the harvest is great and the laborers so few." Will you not help that prayer to be fulfilled? and say with thy whole

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THE nineteenth century will go down in history as the century of achievement. It gave us the railroad, the steamboat, the telegraph, the telephone and all the wonders of electricity. It gave us the Bible societies and the multiplications of Scripture. It gave us the greatest missionary movement of the church since apostolic times. Last but not least, it made the Sunday School the greatest international and interdenominational institution for the evangelization of the world. True, the Sunday School originated in Great Britain, but it was to achieve its greatest growth and development in America; and while America made the Sunday School, it is equally true that the Sunday School made America. Never before had history recorded a successful and permanent democracy, but never before had a democracy possessed a public school and a Sunday School. One is essential for developing the intelligence of the people; the other, for developing their character.

The Century of Conflict

The twentieth century will be known as the century of conflict. It has already staged the two greatest wars in history. These conflicts did not originate in the Western Hemisphere, but the conflagration which was kindled in Europe soon involved all the continents. Because of the defeat or decadence of other nations, the eyes of the world today are on America. Whether we desire it or not, millions are now looking to the United States for leadership, materially, economically, socially, spiritually. Whether

America will be able to assist the world in solving its problems, whether this God-prospered and God-protected people can continue to hold its position are the questions today for thinking men and women to ponder. In this connection nothing could be more profitable than a resume of Gibbon's great classic, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

For more than a half a millennium Rome ruled the world. Her capital was called "The Eternal City." He would have been a rash man who, when Caesar Augustus was changing the Rome of brick to the Rome of marble; when manners were becoming more polished, language more refined, and literature rising to higher splendors—a rash man who would have said that Rome was entering upon her decline. But such was the case, and Gibbon sadly laments that Rome, having conquered the world, was unable to conquer herself.

America's greatest danger is not Russia, or even a coalition of the nations, but that she may not be able to conquer herself. There are thoughtful and unprejudiced men today who believe that the same causes that turned Roman progress into retrogression are operating against her. Three of these will be noted.

1. *Lawlessness.*—Even before the outbreak of the last war, the United States was declared to be the most lawless nation on earth, with a record for murder and juvenile delinquency that even Germany and Japan could not approximate. In a single decade more Americans were killed by assas-

National Exigencies

Three great enemies work

Comparing conditions in America today with those of a century ago, Dr. Benson brings a stirring challenge to all Christians. This article provides a good, practical supplement to "Crimes of the Century," by J. Edgar Hoover, which was published in the Times February 1934. Dr. Benson was one of the originators of the Evangelical Sunday School movement. He has been doing valuable work for many years in the Sunday Schools. He is the general secretary of that organization. 434 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5.

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Maitland, Fla.

sins than were slain in a century and a half of battles, while the cost of this mania of crime expressed in dollar bills would have been sufficient for one hundred currency rings around the earth. Before the war, fingerprints of 3,800,000 criminals were registered. Today there are in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington no less than 7,500,000 fingerprints of persons with arrest records.* This army, larger even than that which took part in the actual fighting against Germany and Japan, is being reinforced daily by an alarming number of juvenile delinquents. This upward swing of lawlessness is a mere ripple of the tidal wave of crime that threatens to roll upon us. "This country is in deadly peril," says J. Edgar Hoover, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "A creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls are staggering, and some of the crimes that youngsters commit are almost unspeakable."

2. *Drunkenness.*—America has become a liquor-soaked nation. In the first decade after the repeal of the prohibition amendment the arrests for drunkenness increased 250 per cent, and for drunken drivers, 97 per cent. The National Safety Council states that drinking has become so prevalent among automobilists that one out of every eight drivers arrested is charged with intoxication, and that someone

*The Federal Bureau of Investigation (as of March 23, 1948) has 108,000,000 fingerprints on file. These represent a total of 65,000,000 persons, and include the personnel of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Civil Service, etc., besides criminals.

Exigency or Exit?

ies working from within

day with those in the Roman Empire just before its fall, to all Christian parents and Sunday School teachers. His element to "Crime and the Sunday School," by J. Edgar mes February 7.

s of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, which ny years in providing for well-trained teachers in our retary of that Association, which has its headquarters at

is killed every minute by a drunken driver. We now have 437,000 saloons, which means one for every 267 of the population, one for every 71 homes and eleven for every 5 churches. In one decade the nation consumed 21,500,000,000 gallons of liquor at a cost of seventy billions of dollars. One out of every four in the United States is in the education business, for which we appropriate \$15.33 per capita; but one-half of our adult population patronize the saloon business at a cost of \$46.15 per capita. It would seem as though the people had gone "hog-wild crazy," and were determined to destroy themselves, if drunkenness can bring it about.

A Fast-Crumbling Pillar

3. *Homelessness.*—The home which has been the main pillar of civilization, is fast crumbling in America. I remember speaking upon the "Passing of the Home" in 1912 in my church in Buffalo, N. Y. At that time I deplored the fact that one out of every thirteen of our marriages ended in divorce. That number has increased so that now in some localities one out of every three homes is broken up by a legal separation of father and mother. The divorce mill in America is adding a vicious quota to the agencies contributing to juvenile delinquency. Relentlessly and with increasing momentum, the terrible juggernaut car of divorce rolls across every state of the Union, leaving in its wake broken homes, wrecked families, and bewildered, unhappy children. Robert James Devine asks in "Christian Delinquency"; "What can any child with such a background and such handicaps do for himself today? Where would he or she begin? Many youngsters who have run afoul of the police, because of various violations,

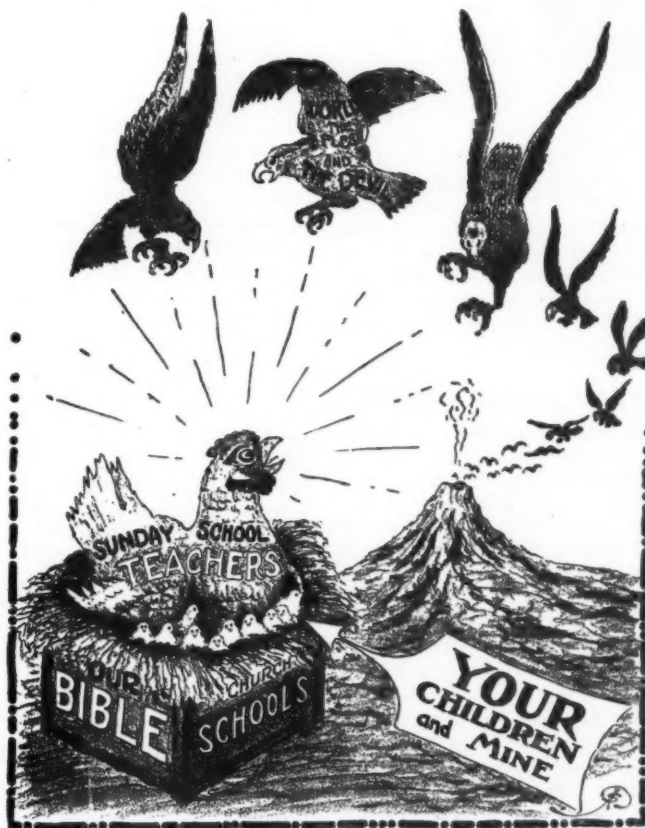
started life with two strikes against them. They never had a chance. Their number is legion. They come from broken homes or homes where drunkenness rules with its accompanying debauchery and poverty, driving children to crime in order to secure the necessities of life." These juvenile delinquents are a national liability to any democracy. In only a few years they will cast the ballots that will determine the destiny of the republic.

At this hour of national exigency Americans need not only the warning of Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," but instruction from Benjamin Kidd's celebrated dictum, "What you put into your schools will in from twenty to thirty years be a controlling force in the lives of the people." Our forefathers recognized this important law in human government. The founders of America believed that the Bible should be taught in home, school, and church, and the younger generation made amendable to its discipline. Without this discipline they seemed to understand that a democracy must fail. "Look after

the boys and girls," they said, "and your men and women can be trusted. Let them first learn to obey, and then put the fear and love of God in them. If this is done for all, each will live in security and faith in his fellow men and in his government."

During the nineteenth century—the century of achievement—America maintained religious instruction in its schools. The parochial schools of the Jews and the Catholics were well patronized, and in the early part of the century the Bible was an important subject in public instruction. Even when the state finally relegated all religious education to the church, the Sunday School was attended and supported to such an extent that the vast majority of American children participated in the character-building portion of their training. But the twentieth century—the century of conflict—has witnessed not only the abandonment of the home as an educational institution, but a tragic decline in Sunday School attendance. According to the statistics compiled

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

VICTORY

Rev. Paul H. Walker has been state overseer for more than a quarter of a century in various states, but he proves his worth again by leading West Virginia to top place in foreign missions, state and district convention offerings for the year 1948.



Paul H. Walker

The state convention offering for foreign missions in West Virginia was \$15,000. Brother Walker and others who attended the convention in Beckley a few days ago report that it was outstanding. We congratulate Brother Walker, who is Chairman of our Board of Foreign Missions, for his leadership in vision. We also congratulate the enthusiastic and cooperative ministry and laity of the Church of God in West Virginia.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA!

The following is a short note we received from Brother Vessie D. Hargrave, superintendent of Latin America. He is on an extended tour of the South American countries, and we rejoice with him in this glowing report. When he returns to his office, in Texas we are expecting more news from him concerning his trip, and we, in turn, will pass the information on to our interested readers of the *Evangel*.

"I might say that our work among the Indians is of a far greater proportion than we expected. Thousands have turned to God and are becoming civilized. We took in a group of approximately 300 while in Argentina

with Brother Mazzucco, and the revival is still continuing. Another chief wrote and invited us to come to his tribe. This is the greatest opportunity I know of, and I trust we can encourage these precious people. About 1,800 brethren in Chile are interested in joining our ranks. Also, I organized a church in Peru. Continue to pray for me. When I arrive home, I shall give you a more thorough report."

IMPRESSIONS OF INDIA

It has been more than five years since I first set foot on India's shores, and in that time changes of great importance have taken place. Indeed, I can say that India is a vastly different place now to what it was five years ago.

Due to the impetus of war and the attaining of independence, big steps have been made in all branches of national activity, and it seems almost incredible that such progress has been made in so short a time.

Not only that but the process of Indianizing all the essential services has resulted in a vast exodus of foreign nationals from this land, and the time has come when it would be wise to look at these events with an unbiased mind and with a view to adapting oneself to these existing conditions.

India is in the melting pot, and the process of forming her future destiny is rapidly being evolved.

The question that faces us is this, "Where exactly does the Christian gospel fit into this vast resurgence of national life which is sweeping at a terrific rate through the towns and villages of India today?"

Such a question cannot be answered without a brief glance at some of the problems which are confronting the Christian church in India. It would be a mistake to underestimate those problems, and when one considers the power of the opposing forces it is

a marvel that the church has made the progress that has been made.

Briefly then, what are some of these problems?

TRADITION

Under the established rules and codes of Indian life there lies the essential basis of unity. In fact, this is such a predominating feature that it is supremely difficult, although not impossible, to get individuals to act according to the light that they receive without reference to the interests of their respective families, or of the community at large. It is well known that the caste system is very strong in India, and to act outside of the interest of caste means absolute separation and the loss of every privilege. Many of our Indian Christians have paid this price only to find that there is far richer inheritance in Christ, and one that will never pass away.

DEMON WORSHIP

This is something which has been the despair of missionaries ever since missionary work first started and which is the essential feature of Hinduism today. The lately deceased Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi, was very keen on bringing about a fusion of the various religions in India, but such an idea was doomed to failure, for there can be no union in Hinduism with its demon worship and with the pure and beautiful conception of Christianity as embodied in Jesus Christ. The worship of demons plays a prominent part in Hindu religious rites. Marvelous work can be done by men under demon power, but the praise is given to the idol sitting in the temple, before which the people bow, not knowing that they are paying homage to Satan. WILL YOU help us missionaries to snatch as many of these people as possible from the clutches of Satan? These, among others, are some of the problems that raise a barrier to the spread of the gospel here in India, but I firmly believe, yea, I know that the gospel of Jesus Christ is able to work in spite of all difficulties. We read daily of the appeals that are being made for more machinery, more food, more materials, more of every nation-building item. The real need in India lies on the spiritual plane and, if she seeks the kingdom of God first, all other things will be added unto her.

How then are the problems of India to be met? By more missionaries? That would only be a partial solution

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My husband to be saved and healed of a cancer on his hand.—Mrs. C. S. Richards, Fer-
rum, Va.
My healing; my home to be a Christian home.—A Sister, Bluefield, W. Va.
A certain home not to be broken up.—Sarah E. Fuller.
A special unspoken request; my husband to be saved and delivered from bad habits.—A Sister, Logan, W. Va.
Friends.—Mrs. H. C. Waldrop, Tallapoosa, Ga.
Sores on my face and a breaking out on my body; a friend to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—A Sister.
My loved ones to be saved; my husband to be completely healed; an unspoken request.—Mrs. J. H. Barnes, Rutherfordton, N. C.
The healing of my body.—J. R. Brown.
My son that he can come home.—Mrs. A. L. Shore.
My healing.—A Brother.
A woman who is being persecuted.—Mrs. W. M. Roberts, Unaka, N. C.
My husband to be saved and delivered from drink.—Viola Harrison, Waxhaw, N. C.
Me to be healed.—A Sister.
Mrs. Austin Butler to be saved and healed; the Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. Coupee.
God to deliver me from the tobacco habit, heal my body, and save my soul.—A Sinner, Williamson, N. C.
My wife to be healed.—J. A. Hill, Tugaff, S. C.
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hawkins, that a way will be made for them to attend Lee College.
God to heal my heart.—L. M. Bishop, Wal-
terboro, S. C.
My companion and me. She can hardly walk and I am nearly blind and am bothered with high blood pressure.—P. A. O'Neal, Pan-
ama, Ill.
My brother to stop drinking and husband to do better; my mother; my whole fam-
ily.—A Sister, Woodman, Ky.
The healing of two places on my head; the healing of my aunt; unspoken requests.—A Sister, Amelia, Va.
The healing of my body.—Mrs. Mamie Rush, Doddsville, Miss.
An urgent unspoken request.—A Sister.
My husband to quit drinking; our home.—A Sister, Gastonia, N. C.
My boy who is in trouble; me and my loved ones.—Lillie Mae Jenkins, Cartersville, Ga.
An urgent unspoken request; me to be healed of high blood pressure; my unsaved children and their companions.—Mrs. Mary Cotton, Alabama City, Ala.
My brother who was hurt on his motor-
cycle. He has been unconscious seven weeks and the brain specialist says his brain is dead. Pray for God's will to be done.—Mrs. D. B. Horne, Miami, Fla.
My little boy to be healed of rheumatic fever.—Mrs. Howard Hayes, Detroit, Ala.
My husband to be healed; me to be healed.—Mrs. J. G. McCain, De Georgio, Calif.
Us to get in the center of God's will; our health to improve; God to open a way for us to get settled in some place.—Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Hurley, Abner, N. C.
An unspoken request; my aunt's baby; my husband to be saved; me to get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller, Springfield, Ala.
The Lord to help me; some unspoken re-
quests.—Mrs. O. E. Smith, Olney, Ill.
The healing of my eyes and body.—Mrs. L. A. Doss, Danville, Va.
Me; an unspoken request.—Marvin Weems, Trafford, Ala.
My healing; my children and loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. M. A. Collier, Tampa, Fla.
Me to be healed; my daughter.—Mrs. A. L. Ackart.
God to heal my head; my family to draw closer to Him.—A Sister.
A very special request.—D. A. Buchanan, Jr., San Francisco, Calif.
Our home to be brought back together and my husband and me to be saved; urgent un-
spoken request.—Mrs. Laura B. Shirling, Fruit-
hurst, Ala.
An urgent unspoken request; some friends to be saved; my mother, sister, and two un-
saved brothers.—A Reader, Miami, Fla.
An urgent request.—A Reader.
Us to have a Christian home; an urgent request.—Mrs. Clyde Norman, Ernul, N. C.

My husband to be saved and healed; me; the Lord to undertake for us.—Cara Neace, Ranger, W. Va.
Me to be completely healed of heart trou-
ble; my son who is in the army hospital; an-
other son who is sick; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Marsie Sullivan, Doddsville, Miss.
My body to be healed.—Rev. William Rob-
ertson, Lebanon, Mo.
My daughter who is to have a serious oper-
ation.—Mrs. A. Lively, Shrewsbury, W. Va.
An urgent unspoken request; God to heal
me; my loved ones and me to have a closer
walk with God.—A Child of God, Miami, Fla.
Me, I am in greatest need of God's help;
my unsaved children.—Mrs. J. H. Belcher,
Lane, Okla.
My niece.—Miss Gladys Doss, Danville, Va.
A very special unspoken request.—A Sister,
Pontiac, Mich.
My son's home; my unsaved children; the
Lord to heal my husband of cancer of the
throat and head.—Mrs. Ray Thomas, Indian-
apolis, Ind.
Me and my family; some friends who need
prayer.—Mrs. S. L. Hayes, Eustis, Fla.
God to undertake for me and answer my

two unspoken requests if it is His will; God
to send someone here to build a Church of
God.—A Reader, E. Town, Ky.
My daddy to be saved and he and my
mother to be brought back together.—A mem-
ber of the Church of God.
My healing; my son to stop drinking; urgent
unspoken requests.—Mrs. A. J. Bryant, Davin,
W. Va.
The healing of my father's body; my son;
my body; a very special request.—Mrs. Nellie
Phillips, Battle Creek, Mich.
The healing of an elderly Christian man
with bone cancer; a young lady suffering from
peritonitis; my healing.—Mrs. Robert Copher,
Joplin, Mo.
A sister in Christ; a young man to be saved
and get the Holy Ghost.—A Sister.
That my Christian daughter will not marry
the unsaved boy she has planned to marry.—
Mrs. Aurelia Gregg, Anniston, Ala.
God to heal me of cancer; my little girl of
rheumatic fever; Vernie Daugherty of ulcer-
ated stomach; Warren Hatcher of a cancer;
my husband to be saved; my family.—
Mrs. Elmer Lee Mosley, Callahan, Fla.
My lost children; me to get closer to the
Lord; my husband's body; Miriam Wright to
get to go to Bible School.—A Sister.
My body to be healed.—Mrs. Leroy Baker,
Winnaboro, S. C.
My daughter whose health is very bad;
my family to be saved.—Stella Morris, Willis
Point, Texas.
Me to be healed.—E. M. Hill.

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Reports **FROM THE FIELD**

A New Church

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga.—I truly praise God for hearing and answering prayer. I am so glad that we have a few who will listen to and obey the voice of God. Brother Minton pitched a tent here in Adairsville, and Brother Duck and others conducted a six weeks' revival, with several saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and several healings, for which we truly thank God. At the close of the meeting a new church was set in order with nine members.—G. W. Fowler, Clerk.

New Church, East Jacksonville, Fla.

Brother L. R. Alderman, district overseer, and W. E. Mosley rented a building in East Jacksonville. With free labor, they painted and repaired the entire building to look like a church. On May 31, 1948, they started an old time revival. On June 13, the church was set in order with twenty-five members. On the next night there were two additions. On Sunday, June 27, a Sunday School was organized; Tuesday, June 29, a Y. P. E. was organized. God is blessing and we are looking for great things from God.

Pray for us as we start in a building program and pray for our district overseer as he undertakes greater things for God and the church. Brother Alderman came to Jacksonville five years ago. This district was cut in two to make two districts. Brother Alderman went to work and gained six churches in five years. May God bless the new church, with Rev. W. E. Mosley as pastor and Brother Alderman as a great district leader.—Clarence Hopkins, Clerk.

Church Paid for in Sixteen Months

On May 2, 1948, the Sunbeam Church, at Jacksonville, Fla. won a complete victory over the devil. First, some said we could not have a church; then, after it was started, they said we could not pay for it. Four different groups had failed, but we replied, "God has never failed," and we went to work. The sisters worked like men. They just would not be denied a Church and God rewarded their efforts. The church was paid for in

one year and four months. Sunday morning, May 2, district overseer L. R. Alderman and church officers burned the mortgage. At this service, Rev. W. E. Mosley, pastor since the church was set in order, was relieved of his duties to start a new work and Brother Jessie Hersey was installed as pastor. May God bless Brother Hersey in this church and Brother Mosley in his new work. Pray for us.—Brother Roy Padgett, Clerk.

Small Church Growing

HOPEWELL, Va.—First of all I praise God for full salvation, and for His love and mercy. I love the Lord and by His help I mean to go all the way with Him. I also want to thank Him for sending us our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles

McGuire. With the help of our Saviour, he has done wonderful work here. When they came here we were in a small mission, with a small group of saints. We are now in a tent on our lots and are building a church. Six have joined the church. The Lord is blessing. Our good pastor is doing most of the building. We have only four male members; they help when they can. We are planning, with the help of the Lord, to have our church ready to move into before cold weather. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless and that our church will be a soul-saving station. I thank God for the great Church of God. Pray for me.—Mrs. Bertha Burke, Clerk.

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Unfortunately, they have been without a regular pastor for some time. The average Sunday School attendance in March was 170, with a membership of 107.

May God ever keep this church a soul-saving station to the end.—EDITOR.

Testimonies

Healed of Epilepsy

I had been afflicted with epilepsy for twenty-seven years, or all my life. I used medicine to help keep the attacks away for seventeen years, but of course it never cured me or kept all the attacks away.

I have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost for about twenty years. I have found the Lord to be a great Comforter through all my discouraging days. Sometimes I was so discouraged I didn't know what to do, but that's when Jesus came to help me. He gave me comfort and help and strength that no human being could ever give. One time when I was very discouraged He comforted me by the song, "He Knows." Oh, He knew how fast the bitter tears were falling and He knows your troubled or discouraged soul and is willing to comfort and help you if you ask Him and trust Him to do it.

I had often wondered why I could not be like other people and enjoy life more. I never knew when an attack would come so I stayed close to home most of my life. No one knows all the pain and suffering I endured from those spells. I would chew my tongue so that at times I wasn't able to eat or talk, and only drank liquids for food. One who has suffered with a real sore tongue would know a little of the pain I've had. I had been prayed for so many, many times but it seemed of no avail. I was getting to the place where I was beginning to believe my affliction was a hopeless case. I had thought at times I was healed and quit my medicine. One time I threw it away, but began again as I soon started getting the spells. It was hard to believe there was still hope for me, and yet I knew God could heal me. But now, thank God, I know my affliction wasn't a hopeless case.

On July 29, 1947 I was at Rev. W. Branham's meetings and he prayed for me and cast out the demon in Jesus' name, which was the cause of those spells. Now I am set free, although the devil has been busy trying to make me doubt that God had healed me.

Then I prayed earnestly for God to give me faith to believe fully that He had healed me, and to give me the

faith with works, James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." I was really sincere; I wanted the faith with works as Abraham had faith with works in James 2:21. A day or two later I got a letter from a Christian lady who wanted my testimony as she heard of my healing. I wondered if I should give her my testimony as I don't know if I'm healed or not. Then the thought came to me, that would be my works. God showed me that this would be my faith with works and I gave her my testimony. Dear child of God, what joy and happiness came over me! I was happy as a bird; I didn't know what to do. I had the assurance of my healing. But even then, Satan tried once more to make me doubt and not believe that I was healed, but thank God, I didn't listen to him. God gave faith and strength to just keep believing the work was done. God still answers prayer and heals today as in the Bible days, if we believe.

So dear troubled or discouraged soul, don't let Satan deceive you and say you have a hopeless case. I found that out for myself as Satan tried to make me believe that. Just hold on a little longer. You don't know when God's time is for you to be healed. It may be soon, so don't let the enemy trick you as he's trying his best now-days. If anyone wants any more information of my healing, my address is Mrs. Emil Forsman, Plaza, N. D.

Appreciate Prayers

OTTAWA, Ill.—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," Psalm 23:4. I want to praise our dear Lord for His love and mercy. Recently I had two major operations, and truly the Lord blessed me all the way. I give Him all the praise. I also praise Him for saving and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I thank everyone who prayed for me. Please keep praying that I may soon be home with my children.—Mrs. Nannie Queen.

Healing in the Name of Jesus

CHESHIRE, Ohio—One Sunday morning in 1945, I started with a

sister-in-law to a graveyard meeting in Wayne County, W. Va. My sister-in-law was a backslider. Just before we got to the graveyard she stopped at her uncle's place, and I went on to the meeting. As we were going home I had a heavy heart. We had brought her children, and I was carrying her baby, although I was greatly afflicted with cancer. Satan kept telling me I had taken the trip all for nothing. On our way home we passed the Church of God where they were having services. Just as we got to the church my sister-in-law was suddenly attacked with a terrible pain in her side. We had to stop at the church for a while. She went to the altar and got back to God, and the Lord touched my body and healed me of that cancer. Praise God! I will never find words enough to thank Him for what He did for me that day. Bless His name!—A sister in Christ, Vernie Dean, Rt. 1.

By His Stripes We Are Healed

COLUMBIA, S. C.—I truly praise the Lord for His healing power. I had suffered for years with my back, but God gloriously healed me one night. I appreciate the prayers of everyone in my behalf, and most of all the promise, "by His stripes we are healed." I have a special request, and I desire the prayers of every Christian that God will undertake.—Mrs. R. H. Blackwell.

God Does Answer Prayers

RIPLEY, Tenn.—Greetings in Jesus' name! I thank God for His wonderful healing power. He healed my baby, and healed my little girl of choking spells. I am glad God does answer prayer.—Mrs Gladys Trent.

Joy Bubbling in My Soul

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—I do praise Jesus for what He means to me just now. The joy of the Lord is bubbling within my soul this afternoon. I'd rather have Jesus than anything I know. I praise the Lord for a blessed Holy-Ghost-filled mother, who will be seventy-nine in October. Mother brought me up in the Church of God, and I am proud and happy to say I am one of them today. God saved, sanctified, and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost at the age of eleven. I do praise the Lord for a good Christian home. I want my life to be a blessing to everyone.—Mrs. Floyd Cash.

A PERMANENT FACT

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Lord also instructed His disciples to wait and tarry until the Spirit came upon them. Luke 24:49. Then ten days later the Spirit came upon the whole body of believers. These believers were the only people to receive the Holy Ghost. Only believers can receive Him today.

Now, after Pentecost, the Holy Ghost was imparted to such as believed by the laying on of hands.

When Peter opened the door of the kingdom to the Gentiles, the Holy Ghost was given to those who believed. This is a permanent fact for the entire church age. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit . . .," Acts 2:17. Is your will consenting to God's promise of "I will"?

To see one throw up his hands and speak a new language would seem foolish, and some take it that way and leave it that way. 1 Cor. 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him." Others are in total darkness; some say, "I was told or I was taught this and that about the Holy Ghost." These I consider are in the need of spiritual intelligence. Don't ignore the truth, for this promise of the Holy Ghost is for you and even for those who are afar off.

HOW CAN WE HAVE MORAL EDUCATION . . .

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out that in this they are going contrary to the direct declarations of the United States Supreme Court, and of many state supreme courts. Horace Mann has been recognized as the father of our American public school system. The Supreme Court decision states: "In Massachusetts, largely through the efforts of Horace Mann, all sectarian teachers were barred from the common school to save it from being rent by denominational conflict." This is certainly true. But the amazing misuse that the Supreme Court makes of this stand of Horace Mann is to bar all religious teaching from the schools, and to bar the teaching of the Bible from the schools, instead of doing what Horace Mann did—bar sectarian teaching. Here are Horace Mann's words:

"Had the Board required me to exclude either the Bible or religious instructions from the schools, I certainly should have given them the earliest opportunity to appoint my successor."

How does this statement of the father of our American public school system fit with these conclusions drawn by our Supreme Court Justices? Would that we had a Horace Mann in the Court today!

We are not advocating that this decision should be disobeyed. Even if the Supreme Court is wrong, it should be obeyed till the decision is changed. But this decision is not necessarily binding in any situation that is different from the case upon which the Court gave an opinion.

Meanwhile, let Americans be roused to save our Christian heritage, and our boys and girls, from the enemies of America's God and the enemies of Christ and the Bible.—*Courtesy of The Sunday School Times.*

JESUS PREACHES AND HEALS IN GALILEE!

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heart, "Lord, I'll go where you want me to go. I'll stay where you want me to stay. I'll speak the words you want me to speak. The harvest is all about me. I must work while it is yet day. The night cometh when no man can work."

REVIVALS

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—We have just closed a revival at the South Gage church, the greatest revival I was ever in. I have been a member of the Church of God fifteen years. It was an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. The power of God started falling the first night. Brother Jackie Rinker, of Ohio, was the evangelist. He surely preached the Word of God! Twenty-nine were saved, eight sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and seventeen added to the church. At the prayer meeting fol-

lowing, another one was filled with the Holy Ghost. He had been fighting God for seven years. The Lord just knocked him out of his seat. Many healings were wrought by the power of God. One sister had an inward goitre in her throat. The Lord healed her instantly. Another sister had two strokes and the Lord healed her. The Lord healed Brother Rinker. Also we thank God for our pastor, Brother W. E. Combs, of Ohio. He is a real man of God, a Church of God preacher. God is blessing the church. Pray for us.—Frank Woods.

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at South Mt. Zion, which lasted only ten nights. Rev. R. L. Walton, of Clinton, S. C., did the preaching. The congregation was so large we had to move outside. There were twenty-one saved, sixteen sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen added to the church, and the church at large greatly revived. Brother Walton is a real man of God and a wonderful preacher. It will do your church good to have him for a revival. We praise the Lord also for our good pastor, Brother Amos NeSmith, and for his cooperation.—Eunice Hill.

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NATIONAL EXIGENCY OR EXIT?

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by the Gideons, there are today 18,726,184, or 76 per cent, of the children enrolled in public schools that are not even in Sunday School. Not a single one of the larger denominations now has a larger Sunday School enrollment than the church membership. The largest Protestant denomination, which this year reports over eight million members, has three million less in the Sunday School, with an average attendance of only one-half the enrollment. Even in the South, where the Sunday School still is recognized as important, the largest denomination has an enrollment that is two million less than its membership. What hope can America have for its future when the moral and religious training of its children is sadly neglected alike by the home, the state, and the church?

The hope of America lies in making the Sunday School an indispensable part of its educational system. Before the Sunday School can be improved and enlarged, a vast army of teachers will have to be recruited and trained. Half a million more teachers will be required this year and every subsequent year until this stupendous task can be overtaken. To meet this appalling situation and provide for this national need, the Evangelical Teacher Training Association has been at work for the past fifteen years. Thousands of young people have been prepared and one hundred forty-four co-operating normal schools to be teachers of teachers in the Sunday School and home, and millions of children throughout the world are now being reached through this endless chain of instruction. Even this splendid effort is only the beginning of that which must be recognized as the greatest task that has ever challenged the Christian church. As America goes, so goes the world, and national stability and security will largely depend on the ability of the church to revitalize the Sunday School and make every home a training institution. Above all, those who are now competent to conduct training classes should be encouraged to labor in every church and community. Strange as it may seem, there are already enough graduates of the Standard Training Course of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association to turn the tide of lawlessness, drunkenness and homelessness and contributing agencies

that threaten the stability of the American Republic. If every graduate who now holds a teacher's diploma would conduct a perennial class of twenty young people, each of whom might be persuaded to recruit a class of nine Bibleless, churchless boys and girls, in one year we could add more than two million to our Sunday Schools, and in ten years reach the eighteen and a half million spiritually illiterate in our public schools.

Such far reaching possibilities of the teacher-training movement are so astonishing that one wonders why the Protestant church has so long neglected the method that accounts so largely for the strategic success of the apostolic church in the declining days of the Roman Empire. To encourage this movement, the Association has recently established an annual founder's award of \$250, of which \$100 will go to the teacher issuing the largest number of certificates of credit, \$75 to the second, \$50 to the third, and \$25 to the fourth.

Is there a graduate of the Standard Training Course in your church or vicinity? There are now more than ten thousand of these well-qualified teachers of teachers scattered all over the world, but mostly in the United States and Canada. Have you encouraged these who have received unparalleled Bible training to gather the young people into their classes, that the homes of America may be assured of parent teachers and the Sunday Schools enlarged and improved through additional instructors?

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

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to the problem. India needs a mighty revival to sweep the country from end to end, a mighty moving of God which, beginning in the churches, would create a vision in the hearts of the believers to go out among India's thronging crowds with the Word of Life. Often the native is able to go where the missionary is unable to go, and with a far superior grasp of the language. Until this happens, and we are praying and working towards that end, we shall move but slowly.

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